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Proposal to construct suitable wards for the treatment of persons suffering from incurable diseases.

Report of St. Francis Xavier's Conference of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul, Bangalore.

Previous References.

Later References.

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S.N.1.

Letter dated the 25th November, 1931, from the President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Bangalore.

A copy of the letter, with enclosure, may be sent to the Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, for favour of ---- remarks. The letter may be acknowledged.

Two drafts submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu
Muddliar
10-12-1931

Secretary.

S.N.2-3. Issued Nos, 9058-9059, dated the 17th December, 1931.

S.N. 4. Letter No. 2545/143, dated the 2nd December, 1931, from the Residency Surgeon, Bangalore.

Please see S.N. 1 and 2.

The Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, states that there is no space in the compound of the Bowring and Lady Curzon Hospitals for the construction of wards for the treatment of persons suffering from incurable diseases.

In letter No. 6272/21C-1922, dated the 22nd July, 1926, Sir Steuart Pears recommended to the --- Government of India that a special grant of Rs. 60,000 might be made from Central Revenues to the St. Martha's Hospital, Bangalore City, for the erection of one block in order to provide facilities for the treatment of incurable diseases, which were not adequately afforded in the Station or City. He also recommended that the monthly maintenance allowance of Rs. 100/- per mensem paid from Assigned Tract revenues might be increased to Rs. 200/- per mensem a month.

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S.N.2
396-28.

In their D.O. letter No. 5(3)-A/28, dated the 28th March, 1928, the Government of India informed the Secretary that owing to financial stringency the question of a grant-in-aid for the erection of a special ward in St. Martha's Hospital in Bangalore City could not be considered.

Under the existing financial stringency it is not possible to finance the scheme referred to above from the Assigned Tract revenues. If approved the President, Society of St. Vincent De Paul may be informed as stated in the P.U.C.

Submitted for orders.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.
9-1-1932.

Secretary.

As suggested in para 5.

Rendall.

13-1

Draft letter to the President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Bangalore, together with an endorsement to the ----- Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, is submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar.
16-1-1932.

Secretary.

A brief answer is all that is necessary

Para 8 ante

A revised draft letter to the President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, is submitted for approval.

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar
25-1-1932

Secretary.

But why need we enter into any explanation. Let us keep to the point as we have done!

We are not obliged to give any explanation to a private society. We can simply tell them that owing to financial stringency the question of erection of suitable wards for the treatment of persons suffering from incurable diseases cannot be considered at present.

As the question has been under the consideration of the Resident since 1926, it is proposed to mention this fact ~~to~~ them. relating to the (proposal made for the) payment of a grant to St. Martha's ---- Hospital in that year.

Submitted for orders as to whether the draft already submitted may now issue?

T. N. Thangavelu
Mudaliar.
30-1-1932

Secretary.

Yes 31

As amended

Resident

2.2

S.N.5

Issued No, 1046 dated the 11th February, 1932.

RT. REVD. M. DESPARTURES, D.D.,
BISHOP OF MYSORE
Patron.

REV FR. J. B. SERVANTON,
Spiritual Director.

LIEUTT. G. S. BLOFELD,
President.

MR. F. G. SCHEMBRY,
Vice President and Treasurer.

MR. P. L. DE SANTOS,
Secretary.

Reg. No: 11152
S/ 20-11-31

St. Francis Xavier's Conference
OF
St. Vincent De Paul,
BANGALORE.

Dated 25th November 1931

To,

The Personal Assistant,

To the Hon'ble the British Resident in Mysore

Bangalore.

Sir,

With 3 Enclos

I have the honour to forward herewith the fortieth Report of St Francis Xavier's Conference of the Society of St.Vincent de Paul, Bangalore, - a charitable organisation - for the information of the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, and to request with reference to pages 2 and 3 of the report, that he would be so good as to ask the Residency Surgeon to arrange that suitable wards be erected, for the treatment of persons suffering from incurable diseases.

It is highly desirable for the sake of humanity, in a large town with a growing population like the C & M Station Bangalore, that some such ward should be erected, as early as practicable, where the suffering poor and rich might be cared for. For which act of kindness this Conference would be ever grateful.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Gul Blofeld Lieut I.A.O.C (Rtd)
President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

FORTIETH REPORT

OF

St. Francis Xavier's Conference

OF

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul,

BANGALORE.

A CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION

For the year 1st November 1930 to 31st October 1931.

BANGALORE:

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— OF —

St. Vincent DePaul, Bangalore.

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MR. P. L. DESANTOS.

Report of St. Francis Xavier's Conference

OF

The Society of St. Vincent DePaul,

BANGALORE.

For the year November to October 1930-31

This Conference was Established in the Parish of St. Francis Xavier's Church in 1891. It has steered through this long period of 40 years with varying success and to-day we have much pleasure in presenting to the members its record of good work both spiritually and financially.

Prior to December 1929 the meetings were held with only two active members. The President and Secretary. Since then there was a reorganization on the advice and approval of the Spiritual Director Rev. Fr. J. B. Servanton and the strength of the management enhanced. During the year under report Mr. G. S. Blofeld continued to be President and Mr. F. E. Schembry Vice-President and Treasurer and Mr. P. L. DeSantos Secretary Mr. H. M. Vieyra a member, assisted by five lady members *viz.* Misses Collins and Dias Mrs. Vieyra, Dr. Miss Palman and Mrs. T. J. Hitchcock. These lady members are an acquisition to us, in that they help the Conference by their personally visiting the poor and the sick and seeing to their wants, and what is more one in her large heartedness has been kind enough to supply nourishment and medicine gratis to the poor, and the other helps in prescribing medicines.

We are grateful also to Dr. Wells a non-Catholic of Mrs. Hitchcock's Pharmacy, for attending on our poor whenever required, free of charge.

Visits to the poor. These visits are of great importance and serve a very useful purpose, as the Conference is in a

better position to judge the individual merits of each of its recipients and grant relief accordingly.

It may well be said that these visits serve besides to console the poor and gladden their hearts, especially in times of illness, when in a majority of cases the individuals concerned have no helping hand, and destitute of all resources, very often are found stretched on bare mats without any bedding and with no warm clothing or covering.

The Conference has provided warm clothes in some very deserving cases and it very earnestly requests that those who could spare any old clothes to kindly forward them to Mrs. T. J. Hitchcock No. 14, St. John's Church Road, Cleveland Town, Bangalore.

Relief. The society affords relief to the poor of all classes and denominations, and the help rendered is in kind, not in money, except in special cases, as upon personal enquiry is deemed suitable to their condition, to visit them weekly at their dwellings and give them any other material or moral support not foreign to this principal aim.

A system of issuing tickets instead of money dole was, introduced with effect from the 1st April 1931. This is strictly in accordance with the rules of the society. We are glad to note that we have issued 436 tickets up to 31st October 1931.

Thirty-two persons applied for relief of these 22 are on our rolls receiving regular weekly doles, the remaining ten were either given temporary relief or refused help for valid reasons. It is interesting to note that an M. A. from Allahabad University applied for help. The Conference having investigated his case, decided to provide him with meals in one of the local restaurants, so as to enable him to find a post for himself.

The need of a ward for incurables. We have to bring to the notice of the public the very urgent need for the

construction of a ward for incurables for both sexes, as we had a most distressing case of a woman, a widow with 3 children, who took service under a lady, who was leaving Bangalore for Lahore, where on arrival, she was found to be quite unfit to do any work, and the lady paid her Railway fare and sent her back with a letter, to the Conference asking us to do the needful. We gave her the necessary relief and she was afterwards admitted into the Lady Curzon Hospital, whence after a month's stay she was discharged. She remained at home for a fortnight, and again applied for admission into the L. C. Hospital, but unfortunately they had no bed available, and as she was suffering intense pain the Conference arranged for a motor ambulance and sent her to St. Martha's Hospital, where the Medical authorities examined her and pronounced that she was suffering from a malignant tumour and that they were not prepared to take her, as her end was only a matter of time. She made a final attempt at the Victoria Hospital and here the medical authorities performed an unsuccessful operation, and discharged her after a few days, as her case was hopeless, and that her end was not far off. She was brought home and the visiting members had to do the Nurse's work in dressing the wound and seeing to her comforts. She calmly expired after 20 days return from Hospital.

It is sincerely hoped that the authorities concerned will be so good as to take early steps to supply this long felt want as we have another incurable case on our list of recipients.

Funds. A few years back our financial position was so low, that there was a fear that we should have to close the society in Bangalore. Thanks to Providence hope revived towards the end of 1929, and fresh members were enrolled. The society restarted its activities and to-day we have much pleasure to record that our accounts show a closing balance of Rs. 534-7-0 as shown on page 4.

RECEIPTS.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Balance on 1st Nov. 30 ...	300	0	0
Collection at meeting ...	33	4	3
Monthly subscription ...	645	8	0
Donations, ...	41	8	0
Grants special collection...	444	7	3
Interest on S. B. a/c ...	10	3	0
Total Rs.	1,474	14	6

EXPENDITURE.

	Rs.	A.	P.
Rice to poor school for a midday meal for poor children attending as day scholars given by the nuns of St. Joseph's Convent ...	110	0	0
House Rent ...	89	8	0
Passages and conveyance...	17	2	0
Clothing ...	39	0	0
Medicines and nourishment	14	13	0
Funeral expenses ...	16	0	0
Pecuniary aid including bills paid for provisions supplied to the poor on Tickets issued to each recipient ...	608	14	0
Miscellaneous payts.	39	2	0
Printing and Postage ...	6	0	6
Rs.	940	7	6
Balance on 31-10-31 ,,	534	7	0
Total ,,	1,474	14	6

It is satisfactory to note that the money spent, in providing a midday meal for our poor children attending as day scholars, has been productive of much good in as much as the prospect of getting a meal induces regular attendance and it prevents them from loitering about the street and going about begging. It does them both spiritual and corporal good.

Celebrations. The society celebrated the feast of its Patron, Saint Vincent DePaul on Sunday the 21st July 1931, when the Active and Honorary members together with the recipients received Holy Communion, and the poor were given a special allowance on that day. The usual Xmas dinner was given and dress-materials supplied to each of our recipients in December 1930.

Rupees fifty proceeds from the Annual Xmas Hamper was paid to the nuns of St. Joseph's Convent for purchase of clothing for the poor children.

Acknowledgment. The Conference desire to record its grateful thanks to His Lordship the Right Revd. Dr. M. Despartures, Bishop of Mysore, the Patron, for the keen interest he has taken in the working of the Conference and to our Spiritual Director the Revd. Fr. J. B. Servanton for his untiring help and valuable advice given to us, and to the nuns of St. Joseph's Convent for their laudable work in providing a midday meal for the poor children attending School and to our active members Lieutt. G. S. Blofeld, Mr. F. E. Schembry, Misses. Collins and Dias for going about from house to house collecting the monthly subscription, which was heretofore being done by a messenger, whose pay is now saved to the Conference, and last but not least to our donors and monthly subscribers and to our non-Catholic friends for their hearty support in the sale of Xmas Hamper Tickets.

It will be seen from the above report that the money received is being utilised beneficially and most deservedly. We therefore appeal to all those who are charitably disposed to be so good as to remit any spare money, they may wish to give for the poor, to the Treasurer Mr. F. E. Schembry, No. 14-B, Wheeler Road, Cleveland Town, Bangalore.

P. L. DESANTOS,
Hony. Secretary,
St. Francis Xavier's Conference,
Society of St. Vincent DePaul.

BANGALORE,
8th November 1931.

APPENDIX.

List of Donors and Subscribers.

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Mrs. Stafford, D'Lemos, Mr. Eustace, Lieut. Blofeld.

Rs. 4

Mrs. Blong, Mr. Corea.

Rs. 3

Mr. W. Dias.

Rs. 2

Mr. F. Dias, Messrs. Lobo & Co.

Re. 1

Mrs. Lovell, Miss C. Palman,
Mr. R. Dias, Mr. D'Costa,
,, Fernandez, Mr. Fermie.

As. 8

,, Fernandez.

SUBSCRIBERS.

Rs. 5

Mr. O. Fermie.

Rs. 3

Mrs. Ingram Cotton.

Rs. 2

Mrs. Augustus.

Re. 1

Rev. Frs. Fasaindier and Servanton,
Mrs. Coxe.
Mr. C. Dias.
Mrs. Domingo.
Misses A. D'Santoo, Collins.
Mr. Echlin, Mrs. Blofeld.
Mrs. Gernon, Mrs. T. J. Hitchcock.
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Dr. Martin.
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Mrs. Satory, Schembry.
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Mr. Twohig.
Mrs. Waters.
Misses Dias, Palman.

As. 8

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Mr. D'Lamos, D'Mellow.

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,, Westby.
Mr. DeSantos.

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,, Dias, J., Dias, A.
Miss Dias, M.
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To

A copy of the marginally noted ~~letter~~ letter, with enclosure, is forwarded to the Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, for favour of remarks.

Secretary to the Resident.

Letter dated the 25th November, 1931, from the President, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Bangalore.

S. N. I.

P. T. O.

T. N. Thangavelu Mudaliar

10-12-1931

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Residency Surgeon's Office
Bowring Civil Hospital
Bangalore 22nd. Decr. 1931

From

Bt-Col. J.McPherson,M.A.,M.B.,F.R.C.S.E.,M.R.C.P
I.M.S.,
Residency Surgeon.

...ENT IN MYSORE.
...NGALORE.
22 DEC 1931
Regd. No. 11948
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The Secretary

to the Resident in Mysore,

Bangalore.

Subject:-
Construction of suitable wards for the treatment of persons suffering from incurable diseases.

Sir,

X S N 2
...t Con... at
...(H)

With reference to your No.9058/767-1931,dated the 17th. instant, I have the honour to inform you that there is no space in the compound of this hospital to erect additional buildings.

In the present circumstances,we already are forced to accommodate,and keep for considerable periods, cases which are too ill to be properly nursed outside. In fact, we find a great tendency on the part of the Bangalore Public of all classes to save themselves the trouble of nursing their old and inform relatives by sending them to hospital and refusing to receive them back again. The conditions of our hospital are such that we cannot allow beds to be occupied indefinitely by such cases, all there is such a denstant demand for beds for acute cases,operation cases and accident cases.

In European countries arrangements are made for such cases in poor law infirmaries. Nor had we the buildings, could we staff them with our present nursing staff. The project would therefore involve:-

a) provision of extra quarters for extra nurses.

b) provision of extra buildings,

and under present circumstances the project is unattainable

if

if connected with this hospital.

It might not be impossible to accommodate such wards in the grounds of St.Martha's Hospital, but there seems no reason why Government should bear the expense. The matter should be arranged for by public subscription, and possibly with assistance from a Municipal grant and the expenditure for staff should be also met by contributions. Government is already doing very much for the Civil & Military Station of Bangalore in the way of hospital facilities, as for example in the Bowring & Lady Curzon Hospitals, the Gosha Hospital and the Isolation Hospital.

I have the honour to be

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J Thekerdon

Bt-Colonel.,I.M.S.,

Residency Surgeon, Bangalore.

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All communications should be addressed to the Secretary to the Resident in Mysore, Bangalore, by designation and not by name.

No. 1046
767 of 1931.

FROM
Captain G. Kirkbride,
SECRETARY TO THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To
The President,
Society of St. Vincent de Paul,
Bangalore.

Dated Bangalore, 11th February, 1932.

Subject.

Erection of suitable wards for the treatment of persons suffering from incurable diseases.

SIR,

S.N.3 In continuation of my letter No.9059, dated the 17th December, 1931, I am directed to say that the Hon'ble the Resident recognises that there is an urgent need for the construction of a ward for incurables for both sexes, but regrets that under the existing financial stringency it is quite impossible to finance the scheme now.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

O/c.

for SECRETARY TO THE RESIDENT.

Copy forwarded to the Residency Surgeon, Bangalore, for information, with reference to his letter No.2545/143, dated the 22nd December, 1931.

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